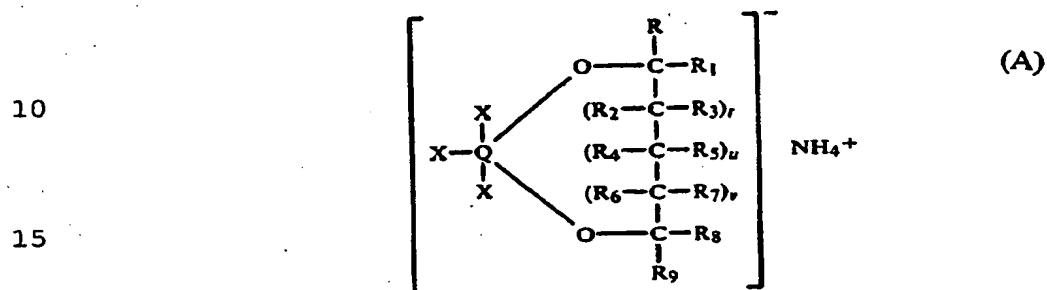


We Claim:

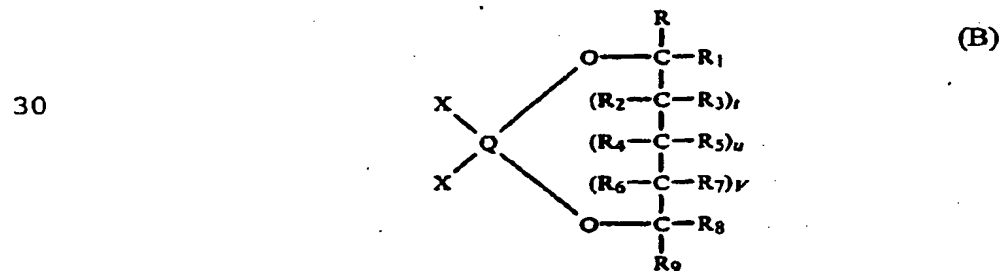
1. A method of treating warts which comprises the  
5 administration of a tellurium compound of the formula:



or the complex of  $\text{TeO}_2 \cdot \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2 \cdot \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ ;

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or



35  $\text{TeO}_2$  or complexes of  $\text{TeO}_2$   
(C)

or

40  $\text{PhTeCl}_3$  (D)

or

$\text{TeX}_4$ , when X is Cl, Br or F

or the following complex:  $\text{TeO}_2 \cdot \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH} \cdot \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ ;

5 or

$(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4\text{P}^+(\text{TeCl}_3(\text{O}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4))^-$  (E)  
wherein t is 1 or 0; u is 1 or 0; v is 1 or 0; R,  $\text{R}_1$ ,  $\text{R}_2$ ,  $\text{R}_3$ ,  
10  $\text{R}_4$ ,  $\text{R}_5$ ,  $\text{R}_6$ ,  $\text{R}_7$ ,  $\text{R}_8$ , and  $\text{R}_9$  are the same or different and are  
independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen,  
hydroxyalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons, hydroxy, alkyl or from 1 to 5  
carbon atoms, halogen, haloalkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms,  
carboxy, alkylcarbonylalkyl of 2 to 10 carbons, alkanoyloxy  
of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, carboxyalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons atoms,  
acyl, amido, cyano, amidoalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons, N-  
15 monoalkylamidoalkyl of 2 to 10 carbons, N,N-dialkylamidoalkyl  
of 4 to 10 carbons, cyanoalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons alkoxy of 1  
to 5 carbon atoms, alkoxyalkyl of 2 to 10 carbon atoms and -  
 $\text{COR}_{10}$  wherein  $\text{R}_{10}$  is alkyl of 1 to 5 carbons; and X is halogen.

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2. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the tellurium  
compound is ammonium trichloro (dioxoethylene-O,O')  
tellurate.

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3. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the tellurium  
compound is administered topically.

4. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the tellurium  
compound is administered systemically.

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5. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the tellurium  
compound is administered as a 1 to 30% solution.

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6. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the tellurium  
compound is administered as a 1 to 30% hydrophilic or

hydrophobic ointment.

5 7. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the wart is  
selected from the group consisting of common warts, flat  
warts, genital warts, cutaneous warts, laryngeal papillomas,  
and oral papillomas.

10 8. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the wart is a  
common wart.

9. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the wart is a  
genital wart.

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